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In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following accompanying remarks be considered. The three (3) month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire May 5, 2004. Therefore, a petition for a three-month extension of time are filed herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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